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SUBJECT: PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM MAKES LIGHTNING VISIT HOME

1. PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM HAD BEEN EXPECTED, FOLLOWING ATTENDANCE AT OTTAWA COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, TO PROCEED DIRECTLY FOR HIS SCHEDULED OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA (SEPTTEL). HOWEVER, WORD RECEIVED LAST WEEK THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO COUNTRY ON AUGUST 12 (IN COMPANY, ON LAST LAP, OF VACATIONING FRENCH MINISTER OF STATE IN FONOFF FOR COOPERATION, DENIAU).

2. THIS CHANGE IN PLANS BROUGHT FORTH WHOLE FLURRY OF RUMORS AS TO WHETHER PRIMIN WOULD INSTITUTE CABINET RESHUFFLE, SAID TO BE IMMINENT. THESE RUMORS STRENGTHENED BY DEPARTURE (ON MORNING OF SAME DAY PM DUE TO ARRIVE) OF ACTING PRIMIN RINGADOO. RINGADOO, WHO ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS WOULD GIVE UP HIS POSITION AS FINANCE MINISTER IN A NEW CABINET RESHUFFLE, LEFT FOR ISRAEL, AT INVITATION ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND POSSIBLY FOR MEDICAL CHECKUP.

3. HOWEVER, IT ANNOUNCED LATE AUGUST 14 THAT PRIMIN WOULD LEAVE FOLLOWING DAY FOR HIS TRIP TO KOREA. THIS HE DID AFTER HOSTING DINNER FOR DENIAU, BUT WITHOUT INSTITUTING ANY GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

4. COMMENT: MAURITIAN COMMISSIONER OF POLICE STATED PRIVATELY
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THAT PRIMIN'S 3-DAY VISIT HOME WAS FOR "PRIVATE AND PERSONAL

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